

## SKSR Scholarship Luncheon, April 20, 2023

Cathy Webb welcomed all attendees, briefly described the agenda and the menu. She thanked the volunteers who were helping with set up, serving, and clean up.

After a lunch of chicken pasta with mixed vegetables, Caesar salad, bread sticks with herb butter, and cookies, Cathy introduced Linda Fitzgerald and Keith Lindaas to talk about this year's scholarship recipients. Linda thanked Mary Lynn Potter and Virginia Lowe, members of the selection committee, and explained that the SKSR scholarships for \$2,500 are for high school seniors planning to pursue a career in education. Then she spoke about the four high school seniors chosen this year; for each, she gave a brief synopsis of the student's life, school activities, and current educational plan. In turn, each introduced her family members and spoke briefly. This year's recipients are Marin Cady, a Shorewood senior, planning to attend Lewis and Clark (Portland) and major in history education at the middle school level with a focus on social justice; Sophia Calandrillo, also a Shorewood senior, planning to attend UCLA or UC Berkeley with a major in education and a minor in psychology and child development; Becca Hershey, a full IB senior at Edmonds-Woodway, planning to attend Gonzaga; and Sara Lawson, an Inglemore senior, is planning to attend Boise State and major in special education.

Next Keith spoke about the Winnie Smith Memorial Scholarship which is available to SKSR Scholarship awardees during their next three years of college, for \$2,500, \$3,000, and \$3,000 consecutively. Keith stated that there are seven Winnie Smith recipients. One 2020 graduate who took a gap year last year during which she worked as a paraeducator in a kindergarten class and will now resume her coursework but is switching to elementary education. Three students from the class of 2021: one in music education, one in secondary ex science, and one in environmental education. Three students in the class of 2022: one in secondary English education, one in education with a minor in disabilities/special education, and one in elementary education.

Dr. Rebecca Miner, current superintendent of the ESD, spoke about walking 391 miles of the Camino de Santiago Compostela in the fall of 2021. She described her 31-day walk, including the sites, people, food, and accommodations. At the conclusion, Jim Siscel presented her with a

SKSR certificate of recognition and a \$300 honorarium which she said she would donate to the Edmonds Foundation. Jim also read an email that Dr. Miner had recently sent him and Roberta Hawkins, former SKSR VP, in which she announced that SKSR has been chosen Washington Association of School Administrator's recipient of the ESD Community Service Award.

Cathy then introduced Jennifer Altena as SKSR's incoming Treasurer. She also acknowledged Tom Hawkins' long service in that position.

Virg Rayton spoke about SKSR's community service project with WA Kids in Transition. He mentioned that it is estimated that there are more than 1200 homeless/home-challenged students in our area. In the past, SKSR has bagged nutritious snacks, but this is no longer permitted. Instead, this year SKSR will bag art supplies for summer projects. These supplies are paid for through an SKSR \$500 Board donation plus additional individual member donations of over \$500. The work session will take place at the office of WA Kids in Transition in Lynnwood on April 29.

Cathy thanked Barb Baumgartner for the lovely table arrangements. Barb spoke about the May 18 luncheon which will take place at the Shoreline Center. The speaker will be former astronaut Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger.

Both Barb and Virg had sign-up sheets for their events. Tom took additional donations for WA Kids in Transition.

Jim announced that the Board recently gifted Erma and Gil Snook with a gift card to a favorite restaurant for their commitment to SKSR in folding Bulletins by themselves for two years due to COVID restrictions.

Cathy once again thanked everyone for coming.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen McElliott